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Letter dated 30 January 2008 from the Secretary-General to the President of the Security Council

I received a letter dated 29 January 2008 from the Prime Minister of Lebanon, Mr. Fuad Siniora (see annex), in which he requested technical assistance for the Government of Lebanon's efforts to investigate the murder of Major Wissam Eid of the Internal Security Forces, Adjutant Oussama Merheb and other civilians. The Government requested that the International Independent Investigation Commission contact the relevant Lebanese authorities for that purpose.

Since the Commission reports to the Security Council, I am transmitting this request to you, and through you to the other members of the Council, in order for members to take appropriate action.

(*Signed*) **Ban** Ki-moon

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Annex

Letter dated 29 January 2008 from the Prime Minister of Lebanon addressed to the Secretary-General

I write to you regarding the heinous terrorist act on Friday, 25 January 2008, in the eastern suburb of Beirut, which took the lives of Major Wissam Eid, of the Internal Security Forces, Adjutant Oussama Merheb and other innocent civilians. Major Eid was heading the technical department in the Intelligence Service of the Internal Security Forces and played a central role in uncovering the perpetrators of several of the terrorist assassinations and attacks that Lebanon has witnessed in the recent period.

Based on the previous agreement between the International Independent Investigation Commission and the Lebanese Government, we hereby request technical assistance in the effort to investigate the murder of Major Eid.

We request that the International Independent Investigation Commission contact the relevant Lebanese authorities for that purpose.

(*Signed*) Fuad **Siniora**